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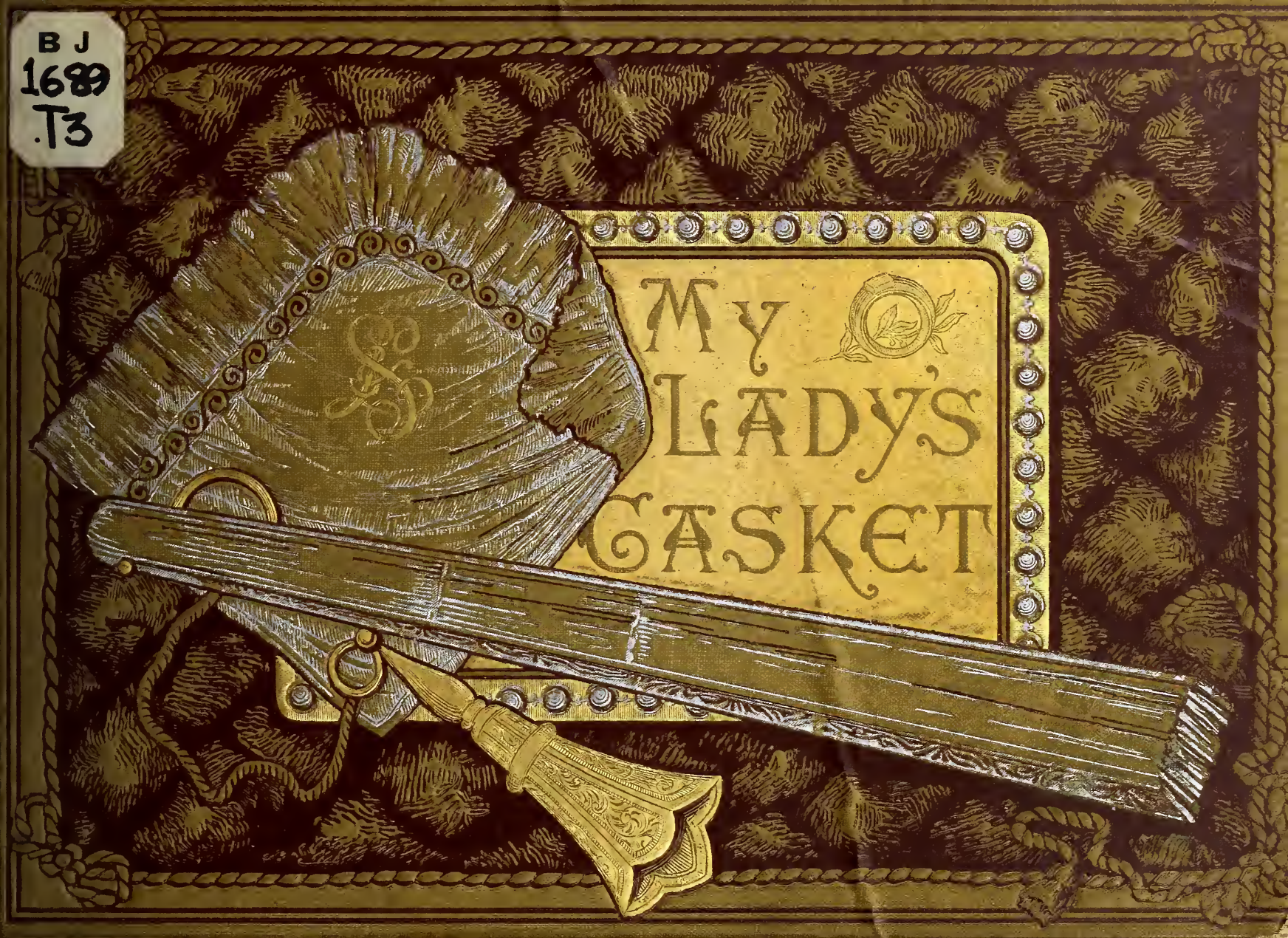

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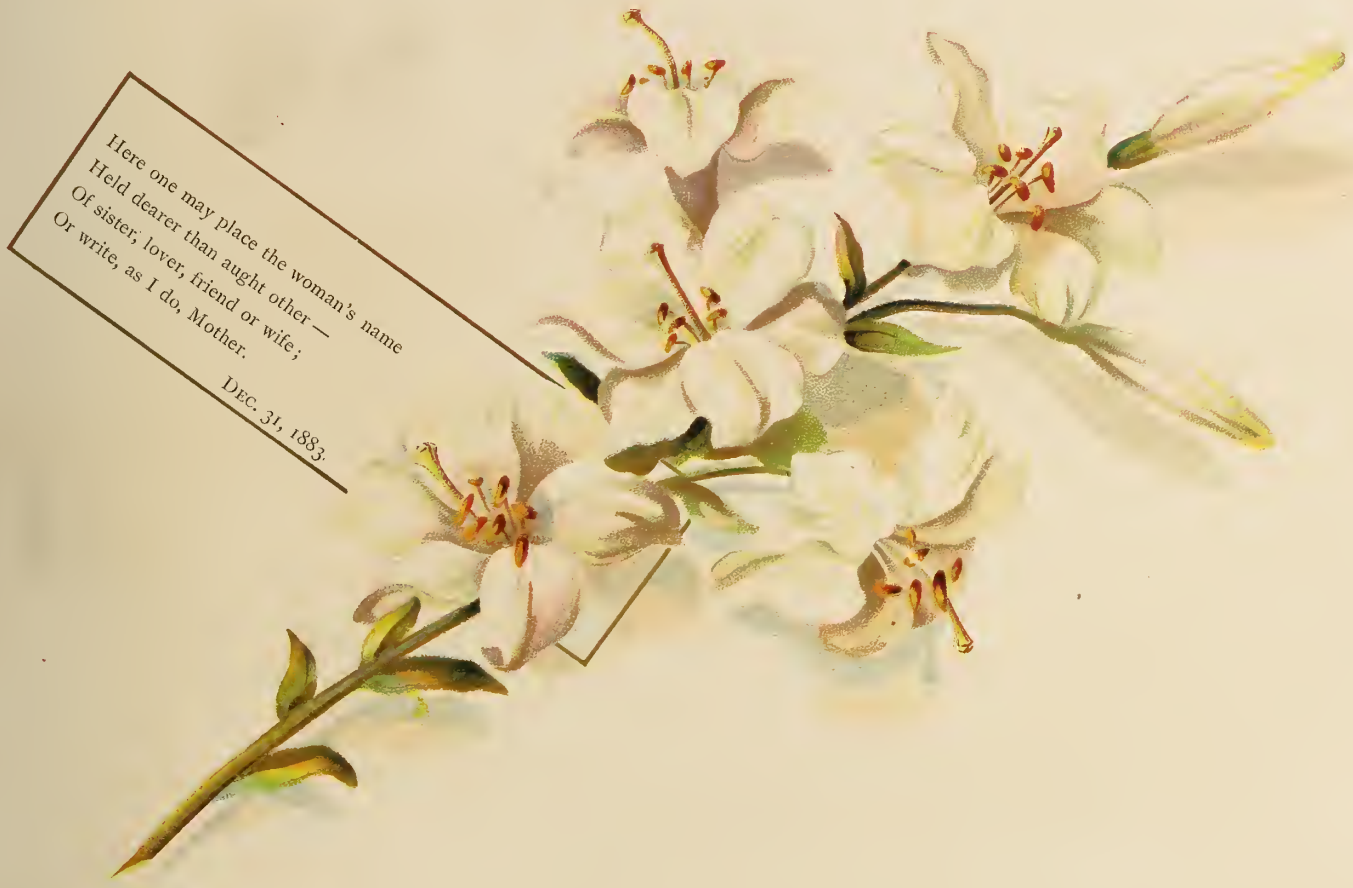
Here one may place the woman's name
Held dearer than aught other —
Of sister, lover, friend or wife;
Or write, as I do, Mother.
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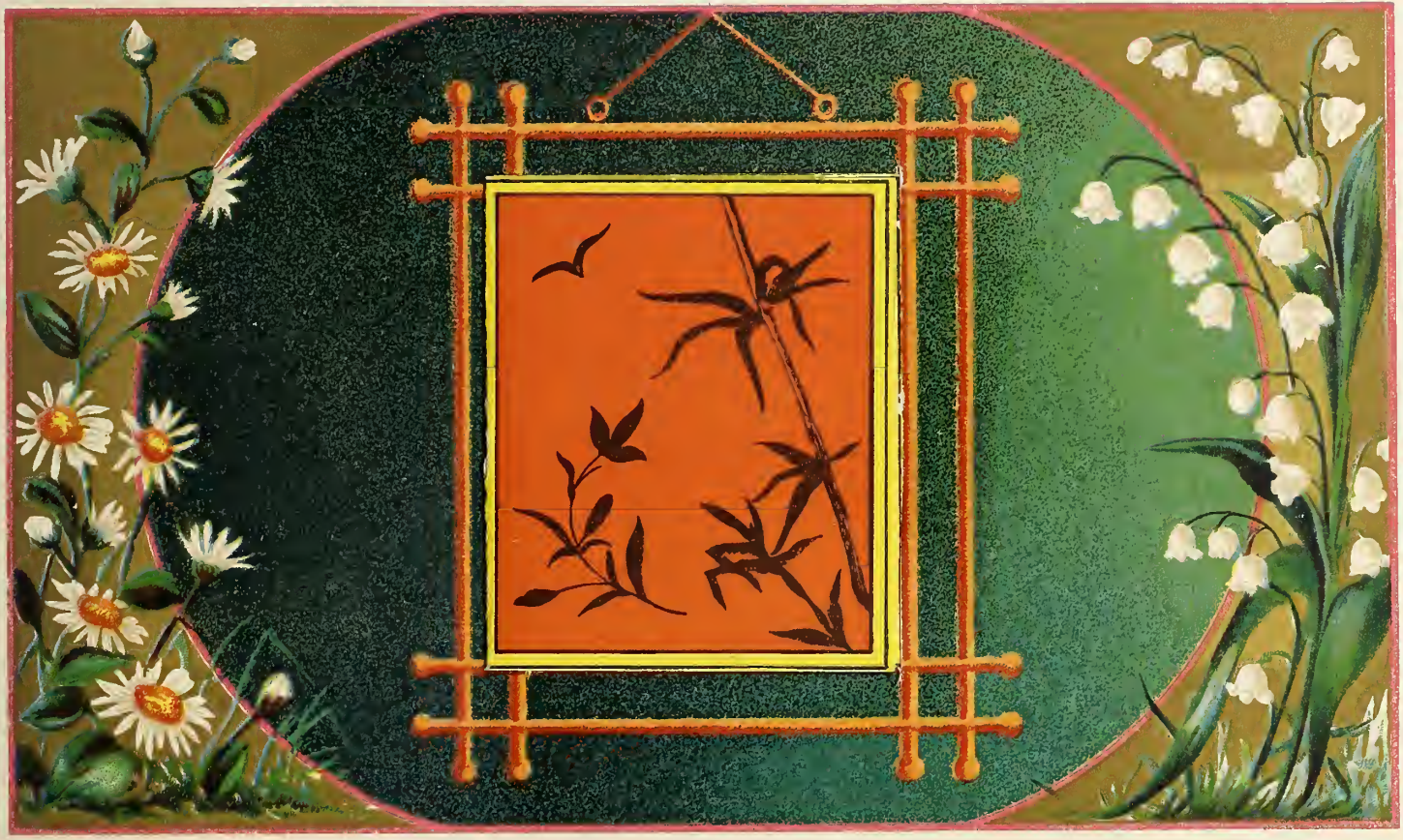
I would from truth my lady's praise supply,
Resembling her to lily and to rose;
Brighter than morning's lucid star she shows,
And fair as that which fairest is on high.
To the blue wave I liken her, — and sky, —
All color that with pink and crimson glows, —
Gold — silver — and rich stones; nay, lovelier grows
E'en Love himself, when she is standing by.
She passeth on so gracious and so mild,
One's pride is quenched, and one, if sick, is well;
And they believe, who from the faith did err;
And none may near her come by harm defiled.
A mightier virtue have I yet to tell —
No man may think of evil, seeing her.

GUIDO GUINICELLI, XIII. CENTURY.

A FAULTLESS MIRROR.

This curious glass will bring your faults to light,
Present your virtues more transcendent bright;
Your neighbor's failings gently cover o'er,
And on your heart a sweet reflection pour.



Humility-

As high turrets for their airy steep
Require foundations in proportion deep,
And lofty cedars as far upward shoot
As to the nether heavens they drive their root,—
So low did her secure foundations lie,
She was not humble—but humility.

DRYDEN.

BEST WHITE PAINT.

Pure as the mountain snows, no poison mars
Nor blights its beauty with succeeding scars.

GENUINE ROUGE.

Touch with this compound the soft lily cheek,
And the bright glow will best its praises speak.

INNOCE
MODES

I have marked
A thousand blushing apparitions
Start into her face, a thousand innocent shames,
In angel whiteness, bear away those blushes.
Tell me,
Hast thou beheld a fairer gentlewoman?
Such war of white and red within her cheeks?
'Tis beauty truly blent, whose red and white
Nature's own sweet and cunning hand laid on.

SHAKESPEARE.

LOTION TO SMOOTH WRINKLES.

A daily portion of this essence use,
'T will smooth the brow, and tranquil joy infuse.

All great souls still make their own content.
We to ourselves may all our wishes grant,
For, nothing coveting, we nothing want.

DRYDEN.

SOLUTION TO PREVENT ERUPTIONS.

It calms the temper, beautifies the face,
And gives to woman dignity and grace.

Moderation

Of all God's workes which doe this world adorne,
There is no one more faire and excellent
Than human body, both for powre and forme
Whiles it is kept in sober government.
But none than it more foul and indecent
Distempered through misrule and passions base
It grows a monster, and incontinent
Doth lose its dignity and native grace. —
But in a body which doth freely yield
Its parts to Reason's rule, obedient,
And letteth her that ought, the sceptre wield,
All happy peace and goodly government
Is settled there, in sure establishment.

SPENSER.

CHOICE LIP-SALVE.

Your lips, if you this precious balm apply,
Will redden, and breathe sweeter melody.

CHEERFULNESS

The woman singeth at her spinning wheel
A pleasant chant, ballad, or barcarolle;
She thinketh of her song upon the whole
Far more than of the flax, and yet the reel
Is full, and artfully her fingers feel
With quick adjustment — provident control
The lines, too swiftly twisted to unroll
Out to a perfect thread. I here appeal
To fellow-workers all, that we may do
Our Father's business in these temples mirk.
Thus swift and steadfast — thus intent and strong —
While thus apart from toil, our souls pursue
Some high, calm, spheric tune, and prove our work
The better for the sweetness of our song.

MRS. BROWNING.

BEST EYE-WATER.

These drops the poor and wretched can supply,
They add fresh lustre to the brightest eye.

Compassion's
Tears.
LUKE X.

The liquid drops of tears that you have shed
Shall come again transformed to orient pearl,
Advantaging their loan with interest,
Oftentimes double gain of happiness.

SHAKESPEARE.

A MIXTURE GIVING SWEETNESS TO THE VOICE.

At morning, noon, and night this mixture take,
Your tones, improved, will richer music make.

GENTLE AND SYMPATHY

The soul of music slumbers in the shell
Till waked and kindled by the master's spell;
And feeling hearts, touch them but rightly, pour
A thousand melodies, unheard before.

ROGERS.

SELECT BOUQUET.

May the sweet fragrance which these flowers express
Exhale in every act, to cheer and bless.

Discretion—

There are many more shining qualities of mind, but none more useful than Discretion. This gives value to all the rest, and turns them to the advantage of the possessor.

ADDISON.

A RING OF TRIED GOLD.

Without an end 't is like eternity,
While fiery tests but prove its purity.
Then let the golden circlet ever be
Fit emblem of true love's fidelity.

Time, Force, and Death,
Do to this body what extremes you can;
But the strong base and building of my love
Is as the very centre of the earth,
Drawing all things to it.

SHAKESPEARE.

A TRUE TIME-PIECE.

Each little moment which so swiftly flies,
If well improved, becomes a precious prize.

Regularity

Let us take the instant by the forward top;
For we grow old, and on our quick decrees
The inaudible and noiseless foot of time
Steals, ere we can effect them.
Omission to do what is necessary
Seals a commission to a blank of danger.

SHAKESPEARE.

NECKLACE OF PUREST PEARL.

This ornament embellishes the fair,
And teaches all the ills of life to bear.

Weakness

What man is raised on Fortune's wheel aloft,
  Let him not triumph in his bliss elate;
For when she smiles, with visage fair and soft,
  Then whirls she round, reversing his estate.
Fresh was the verdure in the sunny croft,
  Yet soon the withered flow'rets met their fate;
And things exalted most, as chanceth oft,
  Fall from on high to earth with ruin great,
Therefore ought none too greatly to rejoice
  In greatness, nor too fast his hope to hold:
  For one that triumphs, great pain is to fail.
But lowly meekness is the wiser choice;
  And he must down, that is too proud and bold,
  For every mountain stoopeth to the vale.

BUONAGGIUNTA OF LUCCA.

A PRICELESS GIRDLE.

The more in use the brighter it will glow,
Though its least merit is external show.

TRUTH

Oh! how much more doth beauty beauteous seem
By that sweet ornament which Truth doth give.

SHAKESPEARE.

Convince the world that you're devout and true,
Be just in all you say and all you do,
Whatever be your birth you're sure to be
    Peer of the first nobility.

JUVENAL.

INVALUABLE BRACELETS.

Clasp them on carefully each day you live;
To good designs efficiency they give.

INDUSTRY and PERSEVERANCE.

Nothing is so difficult but may be overcome by industry.

TERENTIUS.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.

HOLY SCRIPTURES.

DIAMOND PIN AND EAR-JEWELS.

Adorn your bosom with this precious pin,
It shines without, and warms the heart within:
While with these drops appended to your ear,
Words of true wisdom you will gladly hear.

Charity
Attention
Retention

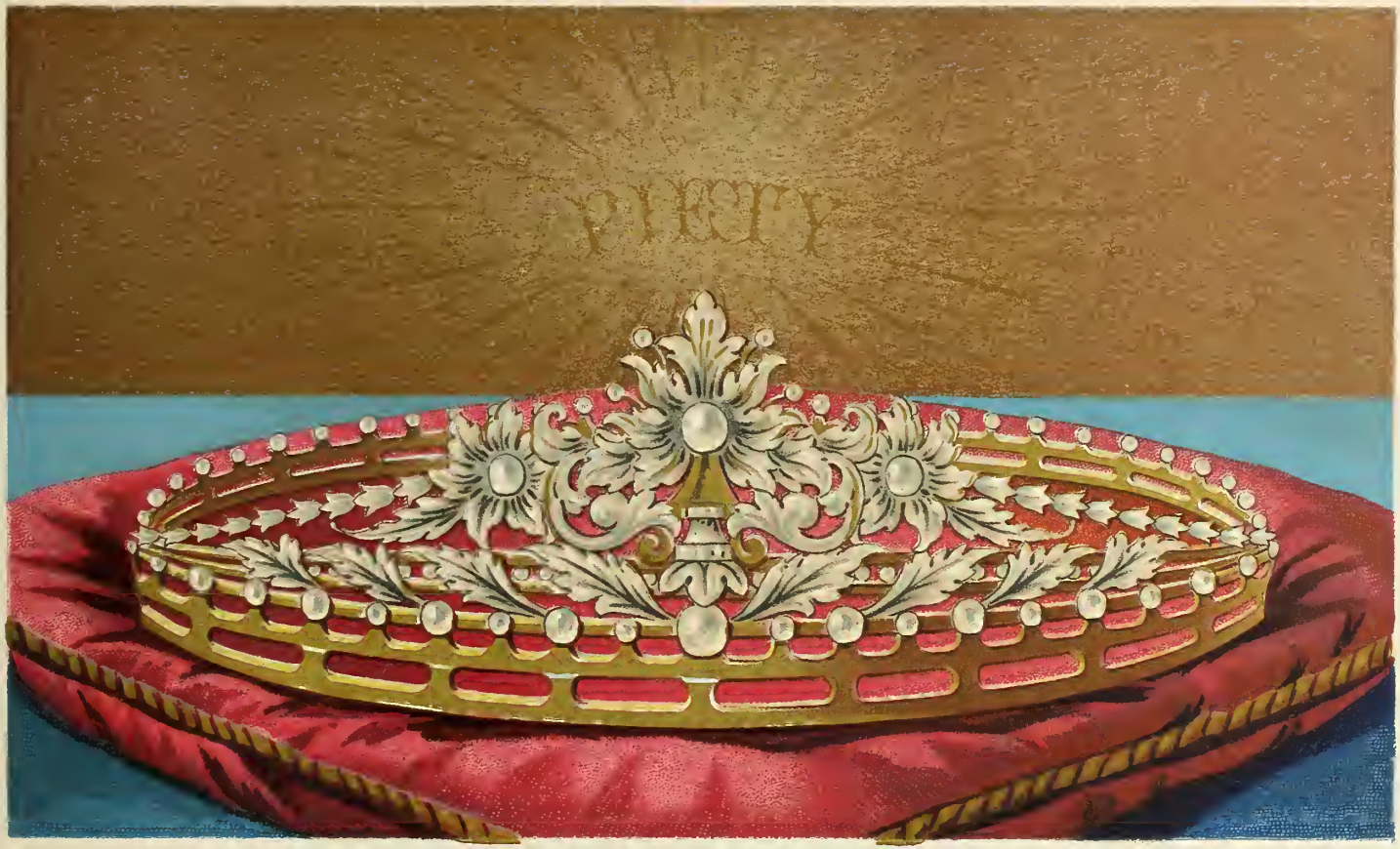
Charity suffereth long, and is kind.
Charity envieth not, — is not puffed up, —
Doth not behave itself unseemly, — seeketh not her own, —
Is not easily provoked, — thinketh no evil, —
Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, —
Beareth all things, — believeth all things, —
Hopeth all things, — endureth all things.

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

HOLY SCRIPTURES.

A PRECIOUS DIADEM.

Who e'er this precious diadem shall own,
Secures herself an everlasting crown.


PIETY

Thou art the great completion of the soul,
The blest fulfilment of its deepest need;
When self-surrendered to Thy mild control
It enters into liberty indeed.
Thy love a genial law
Its every aim doth draw
Within its holy range, and sweetly lure
Its longings towards the beautiful and pure.

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